

REMARKS and INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The courtesies extended by Examiners Brown and her supervisory examiner during an interview on February 2, 2004, to Floyd Anderson, Esquire, house counsel for applicant's assignee, Agilent Technologies, Inc., and the undersigned attorney of record are noted.

During the interview, the Examiners were given the opportunity to thoroughly inspect a prototype of the type mentioned and illustrated in the December 5, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement and developed by Caliper Corp. In addition, the examiners were given the opportunity to thoroughly inspect a commercial device of the type disclosed in the present application.

At the interview, applicant's attorneys agreed they would submit a continuation application with claims more particularly defining the removable interface. Attorneys for applicant are now in the process of preparing the continuation application. In addition, attorneys for applicants said they would combines claims 1 and 15, indicated to contain allowable subject matter. To this end, in this amendment, claims 1 and 15 have been combined and claims 2-14 and 18 previously dependent on claim 1, either directly or indirectly, have been amended to depend on claim 15, either directly or indirectly. The remaining claims of the application have been canceled to expedite prosecution.

Allowance is in order.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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